Supporting Information

Heptamethine Cyanine Dyes with Robust C-C Bond at the Central Position of Chromophore

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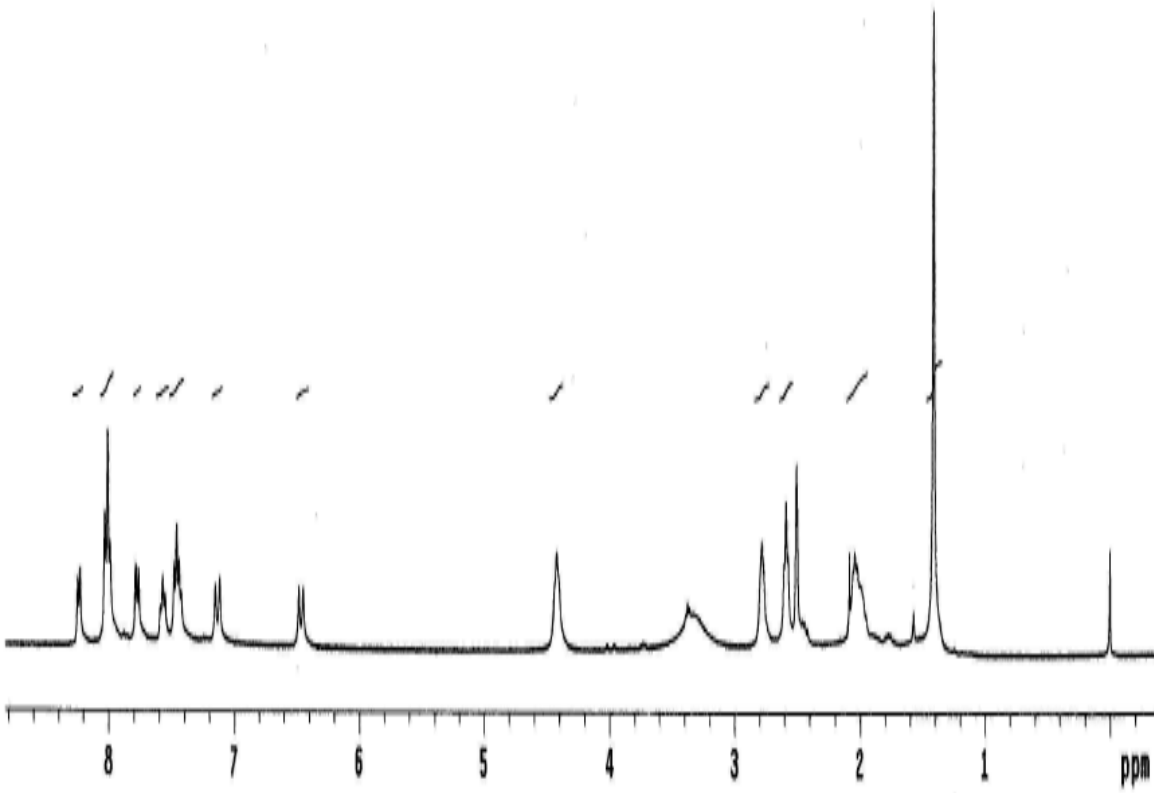
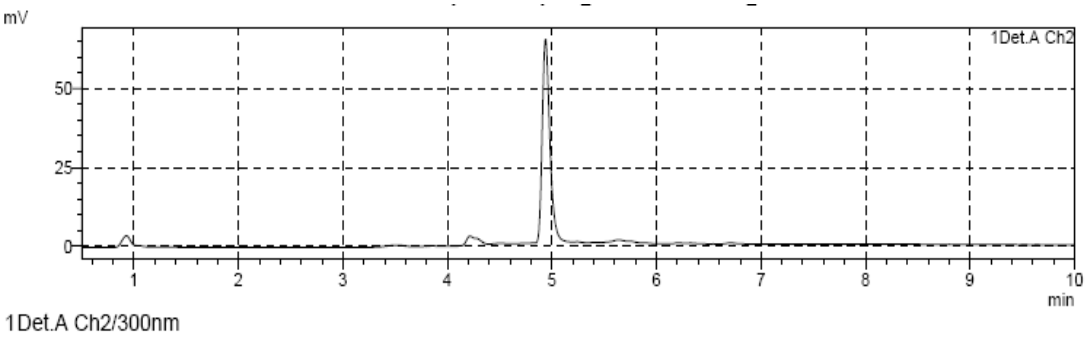
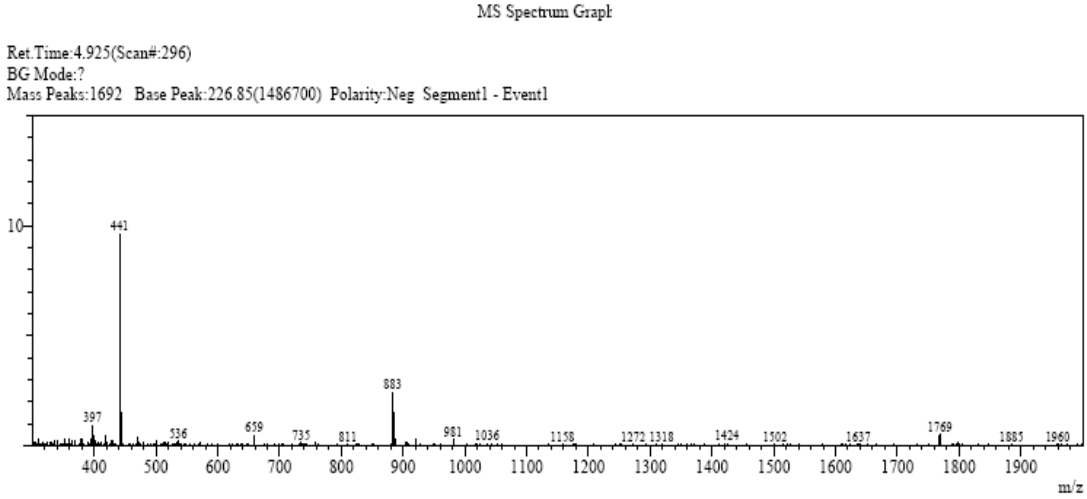
General Considerations. All chemicals were purchased from commercial sources and were used without further purification. ^{1}H NMR data were recorded on a 300 MHz at ambient temperature in DMSO-d_6 and referenced to tetramethylsilane (TMS) as an internal standard. The absorption and emission spectra were determined using a spectrophotometer and fluorometer, respectively.

^{1}H NMR spectrum of compound **2a**

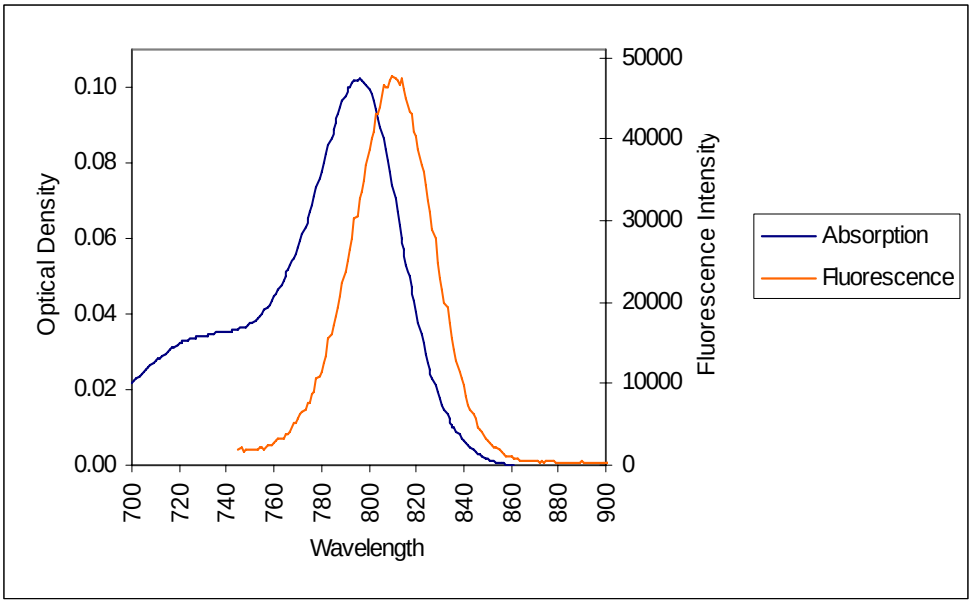


LC-MS spectrum of compound **2a**





Normalized UV-Vis and Emission Spectra of Compound **2a,b** in 20% aqueous DMSO solution.



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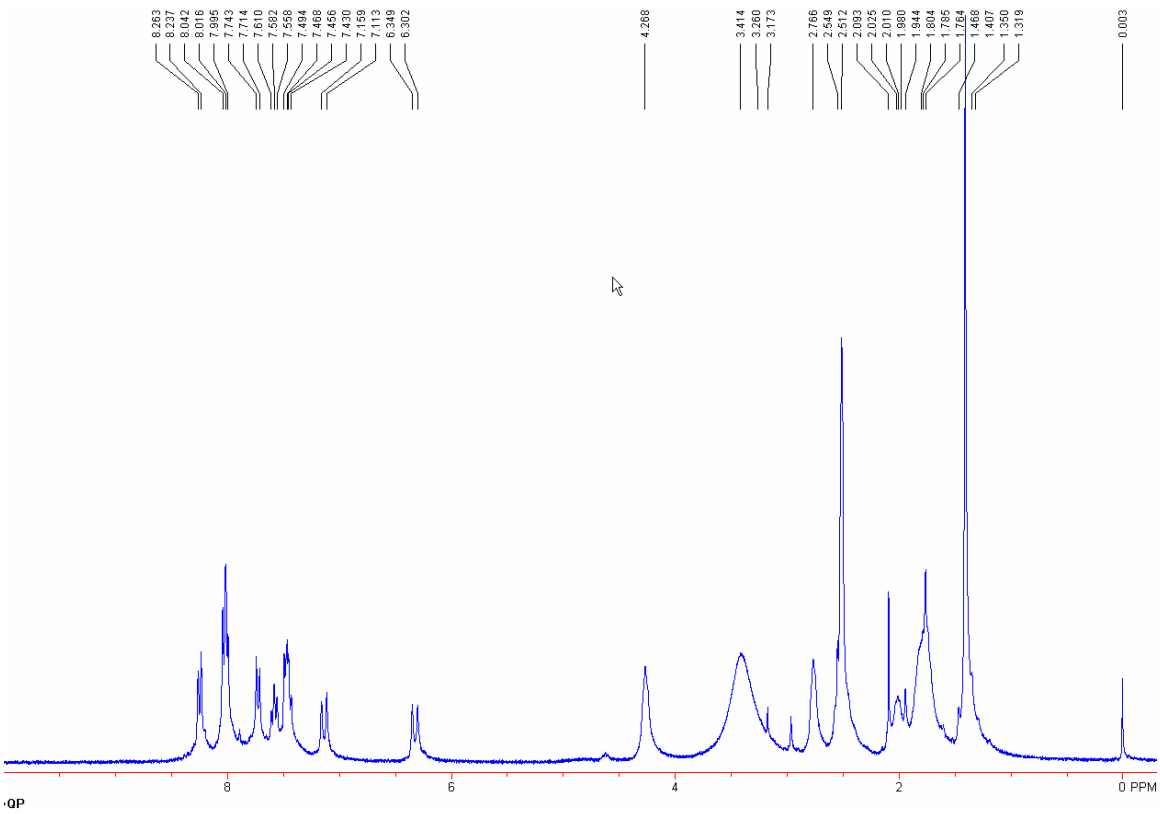

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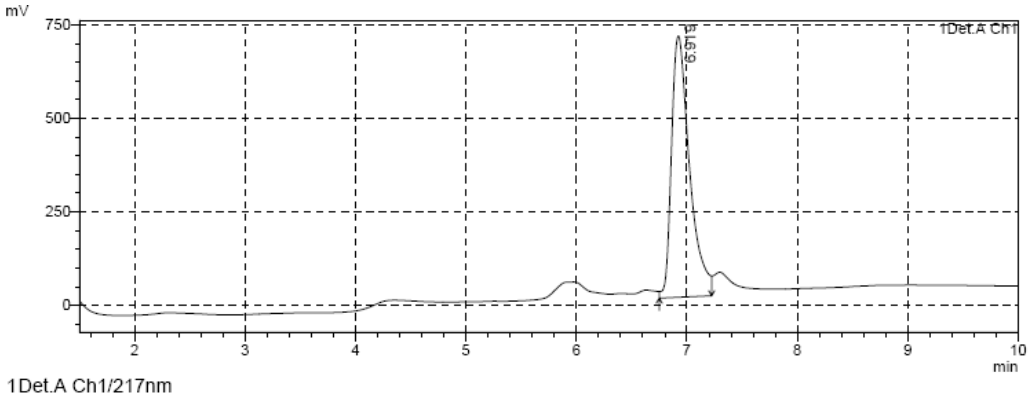
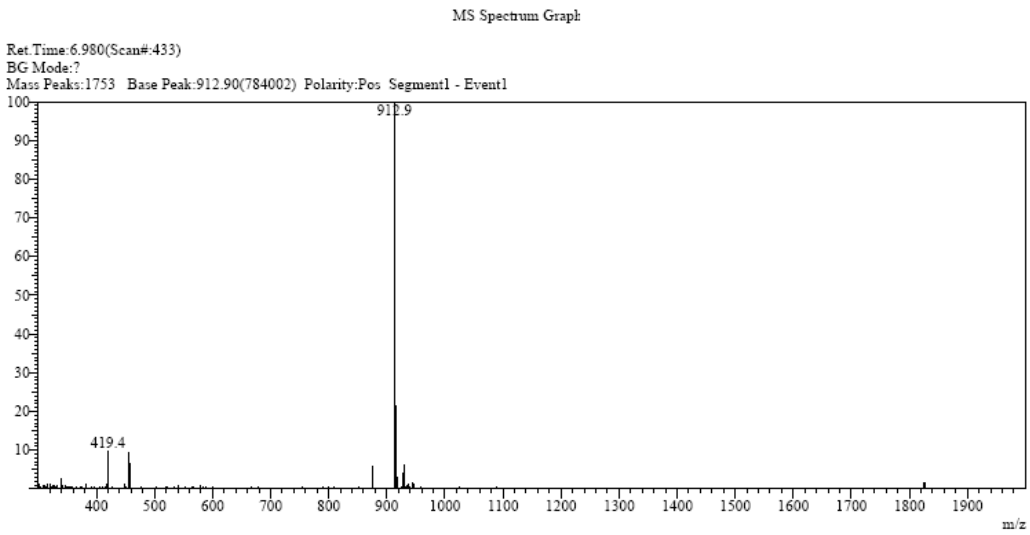
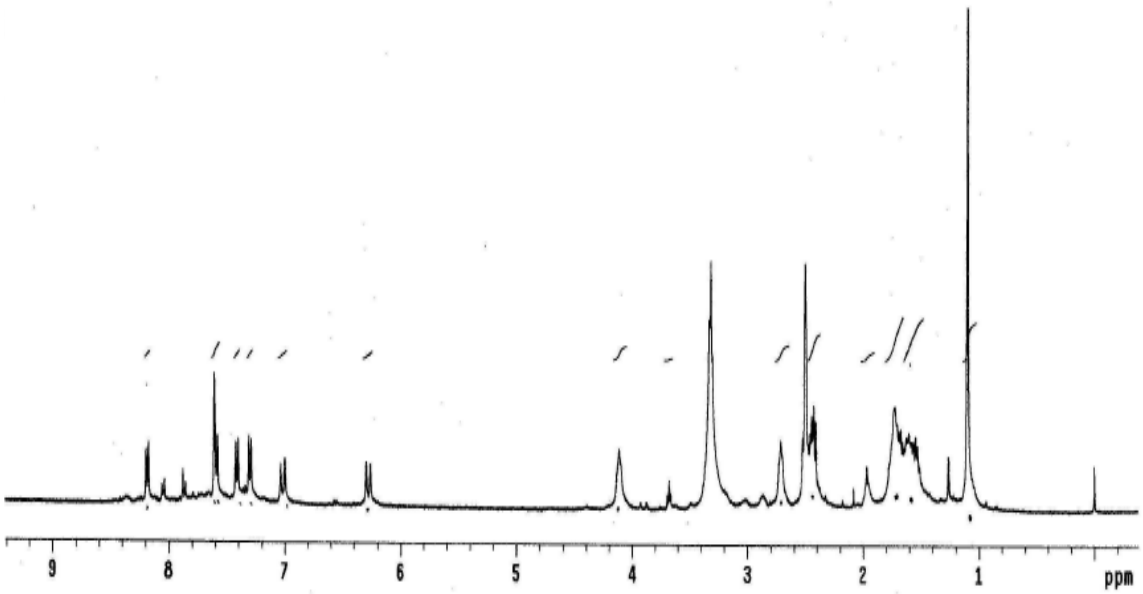
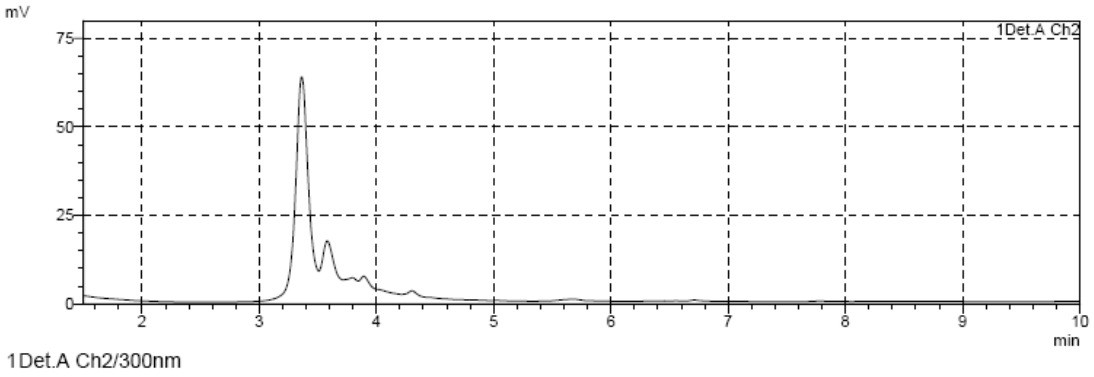




^{1}H NMR spectrum of compound **2c**



LC-MS spectrum of compound **2c**



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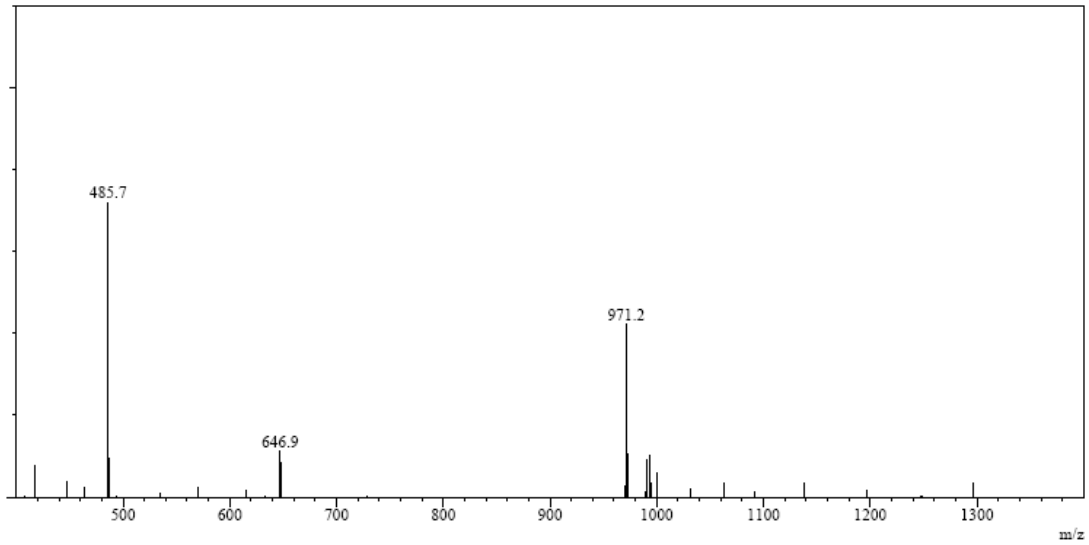
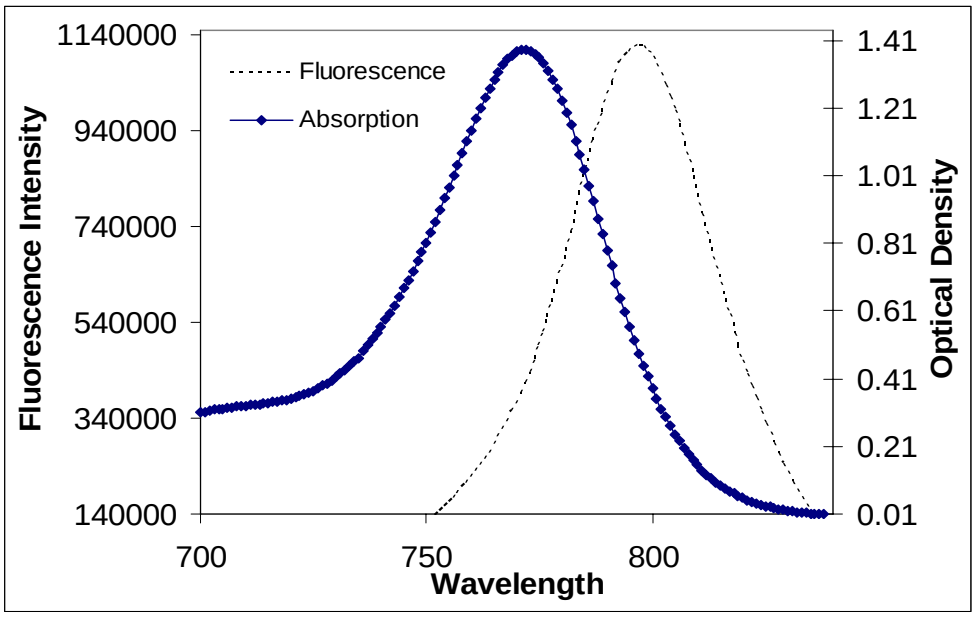
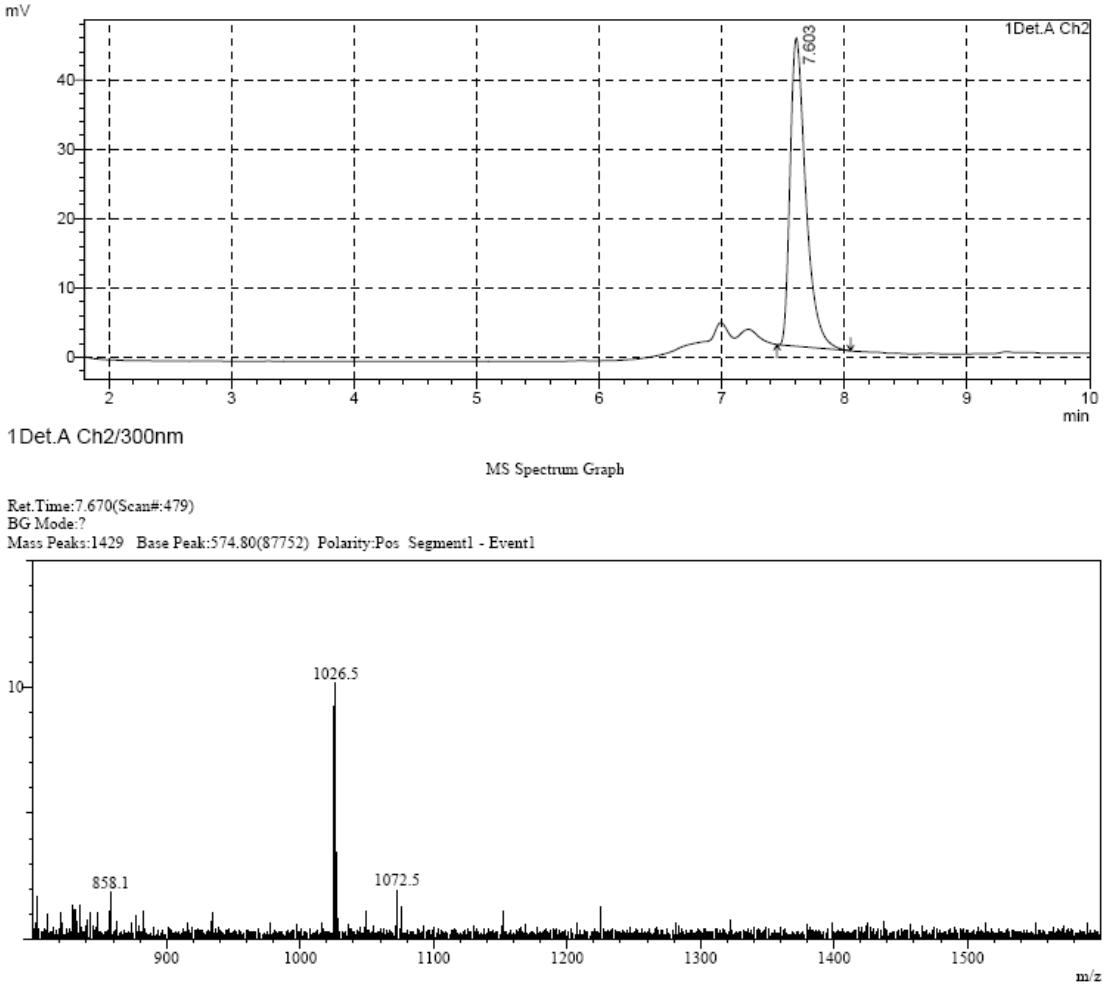


Normalized UV-Vis and Emission Spectra of Compound **2c** in 20% aqueous DMSO solution.



LC-MS spectrum of compound **3**.



LC-MS spectrum of compound **5**.